

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

JARVIS JACKSON,	§	
#02220000,	§	
PETITIONER,	§	
	§	
V.	§	CIVIL CASE No. 3:20-CV-1791-G-BK
	§	
DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID,	§	
RESPONDENT.	§	

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)](#) and *Special Order 3*, this case was referred to the United States magistrate judge for case management, including the issuance of findings and a recommended disposition. For the reasons that follow, this action should be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to comply with a Court order.

On July 7, 2020, Petitioner filed a habeas corpus petition seeking state habeas relief under art. 11.07, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, in this Court. Thus, on July 16, 2020, the Court issued a deficiency order, which advised Petitioner that, insofar as he sought to file a federal habeas corpus petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, he needed to complete and return a petition for writ of habeas corpus on the appropriate federal form, along with a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* or the \$5.00 filing fee. Doc. 4. *See also* N.D. Tex. L.R. 5.4 and Misc. Ord. 13 (requiring inmates to file petitions for writ of habeas corpus on the court-approved form); Rule 2(d) of the RULES GOVERNING 2254 CASES.


In response, Jackson submitted a certificate of inmate trust account, Doc. 5, but did not otherwise comply with the Court's deficiency order or seek an extension of time to do so. Thus,

on August 24, 2020, in the interest of justice, the Court issued a second deficiency order and again advised that, to the extent Petitioner intended to proceed with a federal habeas corpus action in this Court, he must file a petition on the federal habeas form and pay the \$5.00 filing fee. Doc. 6. The deadline for Petitioner's response was September 21, 2020. As of the date of this recommendation, however, he has not responded to the Court's order, nor has he sought an extension of time to do so.

Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows a court to dismiss an action *sua sponte* for failure to prosecute or for failure to comply with the federal rules or any court order. *Larson v. Scott*, 157 F.3d 1030, 1031 (5th Cir. 1998). "This authority flows from the court's inherent power to control its docket and prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases." *Boudwin v. Graystone Ins. Co., Ltd.*, 756 F.2d 399, 401 (5th Cir. 1985) (citing *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626 (1962)).

Petitioner has been given ample opportunity to respond to the Court's deficiency order. He has impliedly refused or declined to do so. Therefore, this action should be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to comply with a Court order and for lack of prosecution. See *FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b)* (an involuntary dismissal "operates as an adjudication on the merits," unless otherwise specified).¹

SO RECOMMENDED on October 6, 2020.



RENEE HARRIS TOLIVER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ The one-year statute of limitations for filing federal habeas corpus petitions, see *28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)*, applies to this petition as well as to any other filed in this Court.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT**

A copy of this report and recommendation will be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). An objection must identify the finding or recommendation to which objection is made, the basis for the objection, and the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. *See Douglass v. United Services Automobile Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996), *modified by statute on other grounds*, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections to 14 days).